

MATTHEWS FARM HOUSE

AL-VI-B-060

Off Dan's Mountain Road, Midland

1850 - 1861

The Matthews Farm House is a large brick structure that is typical of Maryland's rural brick architecture in the first half of the 19th century. The building is two and a half stories high and five bays wide. A brick springhouse is located northeast of the main building. The farm house and outbuildings are believed to have been constructed by John Matthews between the years 1850 and 1861.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

AL-VI-B-060

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Matthews Brick Farm House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Off Dan's Mountain Road

CITY, TOWN

Midland

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Simon & Etta Mohr

Telephone #: 463-6423

STREET & NUMBER

9112 Lennings Lane

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore,

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20337

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 482

Folio #: 628

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Matthews Farm House is located off Dan's Mountain Road near Midland, Allegany County.

The Matthews Farm House is a large rectangular building, two and a half stories high and five bays wide. The house is constructed of brick laid in American Common Bond with a 7/1 variation. The main facade is interrupted by a belt course which runs just under the second story windows. The entire structure rests on a high stone foundation with a plain water table. Windows in the house have all been replaced and are now double hung wooden sash frames with one over one lights. Flat structural arches top all the windows while two small windows ornament the gable ends. The main entrance is located on the north facade and features a vertically paneled door with a transom light and replaced hardware. A second entrance is located on the building's south side and is covered by a five bay, banistered, shed-roof, end porch. Two brick, corbeled chimneys, both original and replaced are located at the flush end and the outside ends of the house respectively.

Located northeast of the house is a small brick springhouse or smokehouse. The building rests on a high random ashlar stone foundation. A stone, with the builders name and the date the building was constructed is located on the east side of the building. A single original window is located in the gable end of the building. In addition, several windows are located in the frame shed-roof addition which abuts the main block on the south side. A single brick chimney is located at the flush end of the building. The main entrance is located on the north facade and features a replaced horizontally paneled door.

The Matthews House is in fair condition and retains much of the original fabric and appearance of a substantial 19th century farm.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1850 - 1861

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

John Matthews

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Today, the Matthews House is in poor condition and sits surrounded by a large strip mine. However, in the late 1860's the house must have been part of a large and prosperous farm. The main house, which is typical of rural brick architecture in the first half of the 19th century, was constructed of brick in 1850 by John Matthews. Matthews was born in 1821 and died seventy eight years later in 1892.¹ In addition to the main house, Matthews also built a combination smokehouse or springhouse which was completed in 1861. A foundation stone with Matthews name and the date 1861 is located on the east side of the smokehouse while the date 1850 is carved near the belt course on the main facade. A large barn was also located nearby the main house, but that has since fallen into ruin.

Approximately 200 yards north east of the farm is a small graveyard where John Matthews is buried.

1 Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 137 3/8 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Surveyors

DATE

1/4/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

Matthews Brick Farm House
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Allegany County Deed; Liber 482, Folio 628
grantee: Simon H. & Etta C. Mohr
grantor: Coddington Lumber Company
November 18, 1975
Consideration: \$5,000.00 Acres: 137 3/8

Proceedings were brought against Codd for Exception described in deed
from Mohr to Dan's Mountain Wilderness Club, Inc., July 25, 1969 -
434/299 - Dan's Mountain Resurvey.

Allegany County Deed; Liber 434, Folio 299
grantee: Dan's Mountain Club
grantor: Simon H. & Etta C. Mohr
September 25, 1969
Consideration: \$10,000
Acres: 800.2

"Saving and excepting 45 or 50 acres containing a Brick House, Brick
Cabin and other improvements to be determined by survey."

Allegany County Deed; Liber 337, Folio 85
grantee: Simon & Etta Mohr
grantor: John E. & Gladys Lohr
July 18, 1961
Consideration: \$6,000
Acres: 800.2

Allegany County Deed; Liber 219, Folio 609
grantee: John E. Lohr
Grantor: Lawrence J. Carey & Vivian Burdock Carey
April 2, 1948

Allegany County Deed; Liber 214, Folio 619
grantee: Lawrence J. Carey, et. ex.
grantor: Leonard C. McKenzie
April 23, 1947

Allegany County Deed; Liber 213, Folio 552
grantee: Leonard C. McKenzie, et. al.
grantor: Henry Long
February 20, 1947
Consideration: \$3,000.00

TITLE SEARCH

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Allegany County Deed; Liber 203, Folio 553

grantee: Henry Long

grantor: Margaret McFarland Ort, et. al.

March 27, 1945

Consideration: \$2,500

Allegany County Deed; Liber 178, Folio 161

grantee: Thomas H. McFarland

grantor: North Maryland Coal Mining Company

August 6, 1929

Allegany County Deed; Liber 124, Folio 282

grantee: North Maryland Coal Mining Company

grantor: Edward J. House, et. al.

November 3, 1917

Allegany County Deed; Liber 110, Folio 657

grantee: John Mitchell, Jr.

grantor: Wachovia Coal Company

September 14, 1912

Allegany County Deed; Liber 96, Folio 450

grantee: Wachovia Coal Company

grantor: William M. Mertens & D. Lindley Sloan

February 4, 1905

Allegany County Deed; Liber 82, Folio 53

grantee: William M. Mertens

grantor: Clarence M. King, Sheriff of Allegany County

August 2, 1897

Consideration: \$520.00

INVENTORY NO.

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482/628

DATE:

12/15/76

137 3/8 Acres

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY:

Matthews Brick Farm House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY:

Off Dan's Mt Road

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES:

Southeast

463-6423 Dale

NAME OF OWNER:

Simon + Etta Mohr

ADDRESS:

Baltimore, Maryland

STORIES: 1() 2(✓) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5(✓) 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Porch

Spring House P House

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- 7/1
- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
 - (✓) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. Replaced Face
 - () STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
 - () LOG
 - () Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS

Stitcher Course

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(✓) 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other() Replaced

Jack Arches pegged () nailed(✓) wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION:

South

HARDWARE: original() replaced(✓)

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Transom Light

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original(✓) replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Corbelled Brick Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, HANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, FORMERS #

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced(✓)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(✓) hip() gable()

6 Bay - Bandiered

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3 BRICK(✓) STONE() CORBELLED() original(✓) replaced(✓)

LOCATION: Flush end(✓) Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

Jack

COMMENTS:

Use - Residence

Significance - Arch

Date Constructed - 1850

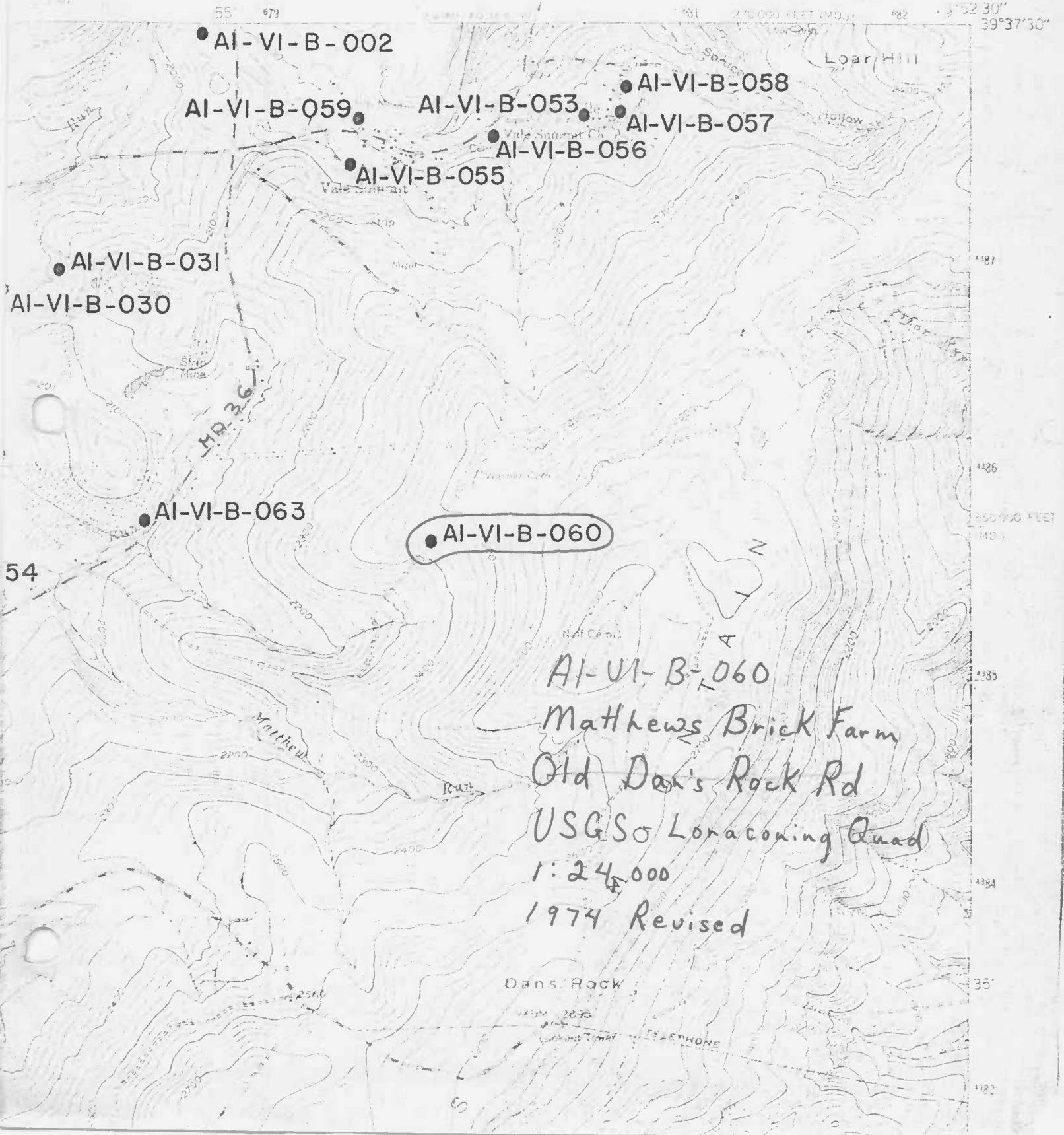
Condition - Fair

1821-1892

1930 Ross

LONACONING QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-WEST VIRGINIA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SW 1/4 FROSTBURG 15 QUADRANGLE

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CUMBER-2



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Matthews Brick Farm
Old Dan's Rock Rd
USGS Lonaconing Quad
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1974 Revised



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Matthews Brick Farm / spring
house

Off Dan's Mtn. Road

Midland

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Quan Baldwin

East



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matthews BRICK Farm HOUSE

Off Dan's Mt. Road

midland

12/15/76

Alan Baldwin

northwest



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matthews BRICK Farm House

off Dan's mtn. Road

midland

12/15/76

Alan Baldwin

SOUTHEAST



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Matthews Brick Farm/springhouse

Off Dan's Mtn Road

Midland

12/15/76

Gean Baldwin

Southwest



1861
JOHN MATTHEW EDWARDS

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Matthews Brick House

Off Dan's Mtn Road

Midland

12/15/76

Joan Baldwin

WSSB

springhouse - date stone